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Tells of Doings of Skip McClellan and His Rink

Doughty Bassano Curler Takes Part in Brooks Bouspail and Wins Prize

(Special to The Mail)
BROOKS, Alberta, January 19th.—Early Wednesday morning "Skip" McClellan full of enthusiasm and "run" to go "boarded" the C. P. R. train for Brooks. Bouspail, accompanied by Dr. Anderson and N. McNeil. Here they were joined by Jim Fisher, from Stettinville. With this combination of brains from the town and brawn from the country, Jack confidently expected to bring home the mutton.

However, in the first contest for the Grand Championship, a rink skipped by Hoskins threw the first victory wrench into the works. News of this disaster reached Bassano and "Scotty" Mair decided to leave Corp. Whelan domain and journey to Brooks to land an air of respectability to the rink and set as champion during the ensuing trials. The next setback was encountered when McClellan and his cohorts met Armstrong of Bow City in the Merchant & Bankers' competition. "Scotty" rushed to the phone, called Dr. Barlow, of Bassano and announced that the playing of cur curlers reminded him of the animal with which Helman held converse. The "Doc" took the hint and train and after he had used his horse trap to lower Montclair's skirts and had ministered a shot of pepper to all the members, the success in defeating the old rink from Calgary in the first round of the consolation. In this contest, "Scotty" rendered valuable aid by standing at the end of the rink and shouting "Make it Snappy!" The next rink that essayed to stop them was the one from Stettinville, but in their now victorious career was skinned by Lundy of Brooks but like one, Johnny Walker of whom we have heard they were still going strong.

The last rink at the last end, however by Fisher turned apparent defeat into victory. This put Mack into the finals where they were pitted against Fisher's rink from the Hat. In the meantime, the weather was still having chaotic muckings. The very heavy and blizzard detecting evidences of the new season, losing its potency, he held a hurried consultation and decided it was time to resort to heroic measures. As a bargain was unavailable on such short notice, Fisher decided the only way to rally the plumes of Bassano from the stalwarts of the Hat was to present a large and copious meal of Scotland's national food, Lo, cutlets (not what you thought, gentle reader). Fisher and Montclair being several generations removed from the ancestors could not see the necessity for this, but Mack and the doctor on account of their absence of advantage, were prevailed upon to consume about half a bushel of this life saver, which was kindly decorated with a strong peppering of salt. Returning to the rink, the sight of so much water was discouraging, Fisher being from the Red Deer, and unaccustomed to seeing water, was rather difficult about starting with his life savers and wanted to use a spoon instead of a broom. McClellan, having been assured by Fisher's words that danger from submarines had been removed to the rink, the contest was started but the Bassanites went down to a second prize, each member winning a fighting defeat. This left them with a consolation prize, each member winning a safety razor.

"Scotty" still insists that the poor fellow had been not sufficiently large.

Strathmore Wins In Hockey Game With Bassano

The Bassano hockey team met defeat for a second time on Saturday night in a regular season Valley team won by the score of 9 to 8. The game was played on Strathmore ice camp by the score of 4-1 in a fast game played last Saturday night at the local rink. If the seniors can't win, the juniors look out, captain of keeping the name of Bassano on the hockey map. They had it all over the Glenora juniors, especially in the second period. Marquette was the star player of the local team and showed a great burst of speed. The other team were not for behind him, however, and in another year or so this town will be represented by a speedy team of "seniors." Mack and Walters made a nice defence. Ferguson showed style at center, and Eddie Helly and Earl Field up the boards in good style. Brown went on at wing during the last period and also showed he had the hockey "goods."

Let's see more junior hockey.

He was taking him in grandstand style, from his shoulders to his hip. When rough old brook outstated him. And still began to slip.

Clearing himself from a tangle. He piled up on his head. And when we ran to where he lay. We thought that he was dead.

We carried him gently as cowhands can. And led him on his bed. And when he opened his steel-gray eyes. These are the words he said:

"Well boys, that was a blocking horse. He surely did do time. But I've rode rough were ones since I first hung out my staff."

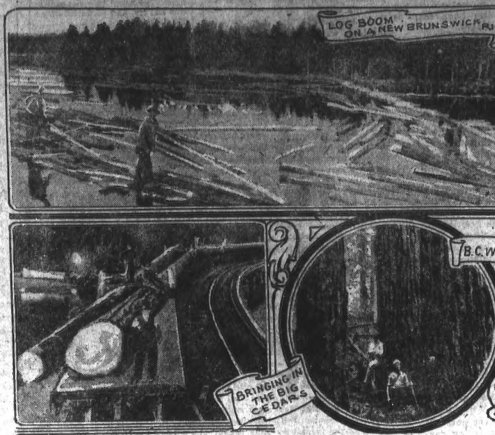
"Maybe I felt my call was coming. And it wouldn't do to let pass. Perhaps they are having a Grand Roundup. Up back of the Big Divide."

And to passed out Slim Parker. Fearless and manly. His name will go down with Joe Lima's. And the king of them all—Dick Shanley.

—Broncho Pete, Stettinville

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Lack of Public Interest In Schools

"In my opinion not enough interest in school affairs is taken by the townspeople as a whole. When this is true, it is a pity, for it is the duty of parents what can be expected of them? If there is one institution in your town around and beneath which the whole body of citizenship should be stirred, it is the school. If on the other hand, which seems to be the case the mass of people manifest little interest in education or parents or teachers or the school. It should not surprise them if the same spirit is induced into the school by their own indifference. The above is an extract from the report of the School Inspector, Mr. A. G. Galt, which was read at the meeting of the School Board last Saturday evening. The board requested The Mail to pass it along to the public in the hope that more interest might be aroused in educational affairs in Bassano. The inspector's report was fairly favorable to the school but suggested more continuous review and drill in the main subjects as having a tendency to more firmly fix in the minds the work covered. More work should also be done in nature study, art and music, he suggested and from time to time a few special subjects should be devoted to each of these objects. The accommodation in the school is good and the school is well lighted and proper toilet facilities lacking. The chairman appointed committees for the year as follows: Grounds—Holmes and Mrs. Maury; Finance—Piper and Robinson; Extension Building—Holmes and Pigeon; Health—Mrs. Maury and Robinson. No action was taken with reference to the occupancy of the Silver Drill owing to the lack of definite information from the owners and the non-compliance of the lesser, Mr. Smith. The auditor's report was read which showed a balance on hand at the close of the year of \$107.75. There was not a very large crowd in attendance owing to the bad roads, although there were several disputes and arguments, everything ended fairly well. Mrs. D. H. Guyatt was elected as Sec. - Treas.

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Countess News

The dance given at the Burne Brae school house Friday evening was a decided success. A good crowd was there, and excellent music was furnished by "Dad" Ferguson, his two sons and Paul Kalliban. At a late hour sandwiches, coffee and cake were served. The dancers left for their homes in the "week small hours of the morn'g." Voting not to miss any dances given at "Burne Brae."

Don Chapinell was thrown from a horse Thursday evening and barely escaped a serious accident. The Women's Institute met with Mrs. Vanderlinde Thursday afternoon. It was decided to buy the lumber and get our Community Club House started at once. There was 14 members present and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess who was assisted by Mrs. Sims.

Mrs. Max Gamble and two children Jean and Norman of Bassano attended Women's Institute held at Mrs. Vanderlinde Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferguson were over from Lathorn for the dance Friday evening.

Norman Churchill who is attending school in Bassano, spent the week end here with his parents. Mr. Wyatt has been on the sick list.

Mrs. Cleve will return the 1st of the month after an extended visit in the east.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Felton catered Mrs. L. M. Burrows, Mr. and Mrs. Royal Burrows and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burrows at dinner Tuesday evening.

An annual school meeting was held in this district Friday.

Bill Fender, well known cowpuncher, was the leading character in a funeral procession that was conducted to the incinerator last week. Bill was placed in state (in a coffin) and the hearse proceeded to the incinerator. "This said one of the 'incinerators' really thought Bill had taken off his 'mortal coil,' and up to the point.

The many friends and neighbors of the Metheny Brothers on the Livingstone Farm will be pleased to learn that they have struck a good well of water at about 780 feet. Hauling water may be alright for now but not for long time.

The Annual meeting of the ratepayers of the Altaville School was held on Saturday, Jan. 15th.

Mixed Farming As A Farm Wealth Producer

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About fifteen years ago in Southern Idaho south of the Snake River, a tract of 50,000 acres was owned, for settlement. In a few years the sage brush was all removed, and that large acreage was practically all in alfalfa. In the fall of the year there were stacks of hay everywhere. It looked as if there were a million tons or more—much to feed all the cattle and sheep in the country. There must have been, for we would not sell it. If we did the price was from \$3.50 to \$5.00 per ton in the stack. That record is known all over the State as the Twin Falls country. It was suffering from the evils of all one crop countries—a condition that will exist in Alberta very shortly. The farmers realized their condition in time, and with the assistance of the banks, brought in carloads of dairy stock. They planted potatoes, beans and fruit trees by the hundred thousands. One brave soul even started a cannery—and as a result of diversified crops, the value of lands have risen from \$25 per acre in 1905 to \$250 per acre in 1920, with an average value for the tract of \$100 an acre. The dry farming districts still have an old crop yield of about 100 bushels per acre or four years. The same old buildings are there, as well as the same old land values of \$15 to \$25 an acre. This is the value of irrigation demonstrated.

Then came the large seed houses to this country and induced the farmers to try the growing of seed peas, and as the price was fixed by contract, and farmers knew exactly what they were going to receive for their product, it looked good to them, and they went in for this crop to the tune of 100,000 bushels of seed peas. The seed was continued with success until the pea weevil hit the country and at the present time the growing of seed peas is practically stopped in that section. But as the growing of seed peas is stopped, the growing of alfalfa is being encouraged. The pea weevil hit the country and at the present time the growing of seed peas is practically stopped in that section. But as the growing of seed peas is stopped, the growing of alfalfa is being encouraged.

The price of the early variety alfalfa of six cents a pound, and the price of late wrinkled varieties from 10 to 15 cents a pound, to four cents a pound. Be careful in the selection of your seed. Buy from a reliable house. It may pay you.

The amount of seed per acre varies considerably, but about 120 pounds per acre would be right. (The ideal quantity would be 100 lbs. in rows about twenty inches apart, two and a half to three inches deep. This entails more labor, yet the cultivation during the growing season cuts out at least one irrigation, cuts down the weeds and retains, and keeps your alfalfa from getting too dry in the winter, the year mostly used.

Now, you lose your soil fertility. In spring irrigation and the weeds grow on a third of the area. After seeding, we irrigate about 25 to 30 inches of water. The alfalfa of the grower. The best irrigator for this work is the roller, which is pulled by a horse, and is the Knape Foundry. The steel roller, if it strikes a dirt, throws out too much seed. After the peas are in, you can cut it, it will give a light harrowing.

Just how much water to apply, and when to apply it, is a question, as old as irrigation itself. The high duty man will get along with 18 or 24 inches per acre, while the low duty man will get along with 30 or 40 inches per acre. It is a question of the water, will require from three to five feet. I can get it. Ordinarily three irrigations will do it.

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Bond Company Wait For Auditor's Report

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A Glenora debt collector is petitioning with some force to the Bassano hospital some time ago. The patient was treated and a bill of \$29 was incurred. The hospital board sent the bill for the local town. The town council, at a meeting on Monday night the matter was discussed and a decision was reached. The council, containing that patients outside of the hospital district should be paid for by the municipality from whence they come the board of health will deal with this matter and will endeavor to collect the amount from Glenora.

Mr. Scottie Brown spent Saturday evening at Rod's. I wonder! A school meeting was held on Jan. 8th. The same school board is in standing for this year, with the exception of a new secretary-treasurer, S. K. Kimball being elected as the clerk for a change. (A school of the dark boys.)

Mr. George Walsh is erecting a new house on his irrigated farm, east of Lathorn and intends to be there for the Spring rush.

A newspaper has been started in Calgary, the printing being done in Calgary. Similar schemes have been tried out in dozens, two scores of cases, and the inevitable result has been that a number of subscribers have lost their money, being left with a blank time some printing house in Calgary starts this dodge. It's as old and efficient as the "Spanish treasure" game.

The town secretary pointed out that additional deficits had been discovered since the auditor made his report and it would be well to bring this to Mr. Butcherdun's attention. Mr. Butcherdun, moved, seconded by Mr. Travis, that the secretary bring the details of further deficits to the attention of Mr. Butcherdun.

Mr. H. H. Dango, town engineer, made a report as to the cost of putting the existing pumping plant in good repair. The cost was \$1,200.00. The existing pumping plant, in good repair, would cost \$1,200.00. The existing pumping plant, in good repair, would cost \$1,200.00.

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Women's Corner

A FEW RAMBLING REMARKS BY A PRAIRIE WOMAN

A mother was recently recting to her little son the old nursery rhyme:

"Here am I, little Jumping Joan, When nobody's with me, I'm all alone."

"What does that mean?" asked the mother.

"Why, when nobody's with you aren't you all alone?" questioned the mother.

"No," he replied, "because God is always with me."

What significance there is in the child's thus early realizing the presence of the Heavenly Father everywhere. With the knowledge that God is present at all times and help children lose the sense of fear—and there is no greater lesson than that we can impart to them.

In these days when so much is done for the mental and physical development of the child, both at home and at school there is sometimes a tendency to forget that children are more than merely healthy little animals with a certain amount of superficial learning.

Froebel, the great German teacher, in his "Mother Play," which is a series of songs and games arranged by him as illustrative of how a mother should play with her children, always tries to make the mother look from the things which are temporal, to the things which are unseemly and eternal; the parents are to manifest so much patience and love towards the little ones as to make the transition of the idea from the earthly to the heavenly Father simple and natural. The child is to be trained to look upon himself as a responsible and necessary part of a great whole, and to be taught that the whole can only be as strong as the weakest link. From his earliest infancy the child is to be taught to show gratitude to his who aid in ministering to his needs.

It is a momentous question and one which we should ask ourselves seriously and individually: "Do we want our children to be merely healthy little creatures, or do we wish to develop their higher natures so that they may be able to take their place in the world, and through their vision and spiritual insight into things become powers for good in the community?" Parents must turn over their responsibilities in this regard to anyone else. They cannot expect teachers to lay the foundations of their children's characters. The home is the place where this must be done and it is for us to prove to our children that it is only as we are good ourselves that we are of help to those around us.

A Christmas aftermath! Some people with whom I am acquainted were looking forward happily to a large family gathering which was to take place at a relative's on Christmas Day. They took their little two year old daughter to the Christmas party, and allowed her to eat all the rich foodstuffs which had been provided in honor of the occasion.

The result was that on the evening of Christmas Day the child had to be hurried home as she was sick. She grew worse the next day they called the doctor and for some hours she hovered between life and death. The doctor told the mother plainly it was the food she had eaten. Christmas pudding, Christmas mince, etc., etc. With careful nursing the child got gradually better but she had a close shave and will likely have a weak stomach for years to come as a result of this indulgence. When mothers learn that it is far easier and kinder to be firm with their children the first place than to give in to them in the matter of feeding and eating, perhaps, illness and life-long suffering.

Life suffering. It is better to limit at times to give them what they ask just to keep them quiet, but it is a dearer buy to give them that one gain in this way.

Have you ever heard a grown-up person exclaim with pride: "My

patience allowed me to have all my own way; they indulged me in every whim?" No, but how often do we hear people say with a pleasant smile, "Believe me, there was no answering back in our house. My mother and father knew how to make children behave; there is no discipline like that in these days." So you see even the children think more of the parent who has rules and laws and who expects them to be obeyed, provided, of course, he intermingles justice with mercy.

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possible, but if not, she arranges them with cotton garter tops where they'll be least conspicuous. The feet are cut out of the narrowest part of the stocking the back seam opened, and the hem let out, if necessary, to make the required length. The curved side is straightened by cutting the material; then all of the eight or ten layers are sewed together with a tiny French seam, with particular care not to stretch it. The narrow ends of the pieces are all at the top; the wider ends give a flare to the bottom of the skirt. The center back seam is finished for a pleat.

If the length permits, a half-inch hem is taken in the top; if not, the entire top is faced with a narrow strip of the same material. Leaving the front two goes plain, elastic is inserted in the rest of the top hem, finishing at the place at the center front and back. Leaving the front two goes plain, elastic is inserted in the rest of the top hem, finishing at the place at the center front and back. Leaving the front two goes plain, elastic is inserted in the rest of the top hem, finishing at the place at the center front and back.

And now to show you what can be done with boot length silk hose as hat trimmings. The back seam need not be opened, but should be concealed in draping; the narrow ends are tucked in place at the center front and back, and the end with the cotton garter top cut off, finished with a bit of silk fringe or pleated ribbon to match the color of the stocking.

But there are other ways of using old silk stockings besides as hat trimmings. The trimmings, in fact, wherever soft silk is usable, the stocking leg can be worked in, so save your old ones—long enough to make something useful—and your scrap bag, like Aunt Becky's, will be a source of practical economy.

BOILED HER BABY

Set Bath on Stove

A young mother recently brought her baby to the Northern Central Hospital, London, and the medical officer on examination found that the child was suffering from convulsions. He prescribed the necessary treatment, and the mother inquired as to what procedure she should adopt in the event of the child suffering from a similar attack. The doctor advised her to put the baby under a bath of warm water. A few weeks later the mother again brought her child to the hospital, and the doctor, on a further examination, discovered signs of the infant having been asphyxiated, inquired of the parent the cause of the injury, when she stated that upon the child receiving a further attack, and she not having any warm water available at the moment, placed the baby in a bath of cold water, which she placed upon the fire in order to bring the water to the necessary temperature.

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Then the Fun Began

HOW IN COMING TO SHOW YOU THE "LOOT-LOOT"

In buying stockings, as in most everything else, quality counts. It pays, too, to wash often and carefully. Then if the quality is good to begin with, the stockings wear like iron. When the feet wear out, amputate; the lustrous silk of the legs can be made up of the same quality ways. Sometimes there's a "railroad" or "run" started, but this can be mended, sewing in a straight seam on the machine, by hand with the overcasting stitch, on the wrong side.

Five Aunt Agneses can yield a large number of blacks. Some are silk all the way through the hem; others only two-thirds of the way. Suppose you need a black petticoat, preferably the kind with a jersey silk top. She selects four pairs of black (size requires) of black, all silk if

Pithy Paragraphs For Busy People

Rats Battle for Birds

Two thousand candy birds, bull-frogs and goldfishes were brought to Philadelphia in the hold of the steamship Keweenaw after their owners had spent night and day with great horde of rats to save their valuable contents. It is the first lot of canaries imported into the country since before the war.

A description of the fight to save the birds was given by Frank Vahle, the bird fancier, who brought them over with him. "The rats made a life intolerable," said he. "I killed twenty with my own hands and destroyed fifty or more with poison. They killed in all between 150 and 160 of the birds."

Mr. Vahle was in a highly nervous and exhausted condition at the time of his night vigil during the twenty-four days the ship was on the way from Hamburg. The Keweenaw carried a cargo of grain on the voyage over and brought back general merchandise. For this reason the rats, which had been driven to the vessel because of the grain, were famished during the return trip.

Milk Powder Plants Reopen. Milk powder plants and receiving stations throughout the country which had closed several months ago when the Canadian Milk Producers Company announced their intention of ceasing the manufacture of powdered milk until conditions improved are reopening. The market has improved greatly, it is claimed.

Stockyard Business Decreases. The effect of the drought of 1919 and the severe winter of 1920 is shown by the local stockyards return for the past year. A decrease in the trading of the yards over 1919 is said to be 40 per cent. The number of cattle showed a decrease of 20 to 70,000 as compared with a year ago.

Death by Injury. William Robert Wood, aged five years, of Kinross, died some days ago as the result of wounds in the head from a pitchfork while playing in a hayloft. His death occurred three days after the accident.

Normal Conditions Shortly. T. R. Deacon of the Manitoba Bridge and Iron Works, and former mayor of Winnipeg, remarks on the business depression, "Our trade is picking up and we get steadily better." One hundred and fifty men laid off at the end of last year are to be taken back before long. Other bridge building and construction companies said that they had laid off only a few men and that, on the whole, conditions were fairly satisfactory and would be improved.

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CHARLES JOHNSTON OF BASSANO

THANKS the people of Bassano and District for the splendid support during our BIG SALE. Hundreds of satisfied buyers took advantage of the GREATEST PRICE SLAUGHTER in the history of Bassano. We are going to have

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All wool	per yard	Slater Oxfords, per pair	each	per pair	per package
65c	33c	\$1.95	55c	\$1.95	15c

Mixed Farming

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should do the trick. The idea is to keep the crop growing thickly. The last irrigation should be applied after the pods are formed. If applied during the blooming season the blossoms are liable to sun scald and drop off—called blight by many farmers. Harvesting should commence before the peas are fully ripe—little on the green side. Any kind of mowing machine will do.

One of the best ways to keep the peas clear, some growers are required to mow a heavy stand of peas. Put in medium sized cocks, and before they ripen too dry, they should be hauled to the stack. I would advise slip and mix (chop). At threshing time if you have to reload, use a Jackson fork.

The threshing done, all you have to do is to haul your product to the threshing station and get your money. The peas grown in our section were practically all grown under contract and the prices first for the different varieties.

Diseases, Blight and Pea Weevil
Blight, as it is called in our section in my mind is nothing more or less than sun scald, plant blight being excessive during some of our hot bright days.

The Pea Weevil was the cause of much of our trouble, and has put the pea grower out of business in our section, or practically so. The spraying of pea vines for this pest is not practical. In the upper Snake River valley they have not yet bothered by the pest to any extent to my knowledge and it is the premier pea districts of Idaho. The soil in this section is a black loam underlaid with gravelly subsoil. The preparation of the soil is much the same. The method of irrigation round by St. Anthony is by sub-irrigation, especially on the Ken Bench—just make your ditches, turn on your water, your water table rises to the required height, and then you are. This is an easy way to irrigate, but it is a dangerous one as it decreases soil fertility. The yield of peas decreases every year, unless the land is heavily manured.

When the water table is lowered it carries with it all the surplus soluble salts or plant food, necessitating manuring every year. Yet with a cold climate and much water they are making a success of peas in a commercial way.

The best quality of peas in the upper Snake Valley is grown on dry land in the foothill region, and, as in all dry land farming sections, they

have their successes and their failures according to the precipitation they receive. As to the truth of this statement, there are no doubt many here who have undergone the strain of a dry year—financially or otherwise—and can bear witness as to its verity.

Though owning half a section of land in Cochrane, I have no actual experience in farming in Southern Alberta, and I will have to make my deductions from observation. With my son-in-law, Earl Beck, of Bassano, I have charge of the C.P.R. experimental farm there. I have travelled over much of the country from Cochrane to Bassano, through Glen colony, and also from Bassano to Standard, Gleichen and the surrounding country to Strathmore. I have examined with interest the magnificent results obtained by Mr. Don H. Burk and his associates, of Strathmore, also the work of Mr. Fairfield at the experimental farm just outside of your city and other some of the fine stands of alfalfa grown around Cochrane and other districts, and where alfalfa grows you can grow peas—I can come to no other conclusion that Alberta's possibilities as a pea-growing country are equal to many and superior to most.

With regard to the soil of Alberta and Idaho, I would call:

Cochrane, a medium sandy loam.
Twinn Falls, a fine lava ash.
St. Anthony, a black sandy loam.

The percentage of humus and nitrogen in Alberta soil is large, in Twinn Falls and St. Anthony soil small. Therefore, Alberta soils are richer and more lasting, and peas, a soil-builder—would improve this naturally fertile soil.

I make the following comparison of climatic conditions in these three places:

Least killing frost—St. Anthony, May 15; Twinn Falls, May 15; Cochrane, May 10th.

First killing frost—St. Anthony, Sep. 15; Twinn Falls, Sept. 27; Cochrane, Sept. 20.

Length of growing season—St. Anthony, 120 days; Twinn Falls, 122 days; Cochrane, 130 days.

These are averages covering a period of twelve years.

We find that the growing season is practically as long in Alberta as in the Upper Snake Valley; that the soil conditions are equal if not superior; that the rainfall facilities are equal in every respect and that the markets for this commodity are equally as good; and so, viewing the possibilities from every angle, I am fully convinced that the growing of seed peas commercially is practical, financially, and should be an important factor in the rotation on all diversified farms.

The curly kid
has hair the straightest thing about him but how he loved

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At The Gem Friday and Saturday This week

MORE DIVERSIFIED FORM OR FARMING TO INCREASE YIELD

EDMONTON.—The necessity of more diversified and conservative form of farming so as to increase the yields per acre rather than increase the acreage was the keynote of the discussion on Western Canada's present economic problems at the conference of agronomists yesterday afternoon.

H. A. Craig, deputy minister of agriculture for Alberta, who opened the discussion and outlined the present conditions of the province, stated that as he saw it the solution would be not only better farming but more caution, farming, and economic conditions under which the farmers are working suggested a more diversified form of farming than has been practiced during the past five or six years. He pointed out that things have come to that stage, where it is no longer possible to wheat farm alone, depending on the grocery store for the remainder of the household supplies.

W. H. Fairfield, superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Farm, Cochrane, a medium sandy loam.

Grain Prices

Local elevator prices

Wheat, No 1	1.57
Oats, 2 northern	.32
Flax	1.61
Rye	1.25

Spontaneous combustion probably causes more fires than are attributed to it; from the fact that in order to determine whether a fire originates in this manner or not, it must necessarily be detected at its very commencement and before the flames have destroyed the evidence of its cause.

It is only within recent years that spontaneous combustion has been reasonably understood. The investigations and explanations of scientific men coupled with the efforts of fire underwriters in collecting and publishing causes of fires has led to the acceptance by the general public of the fact that it is possible to ignite many substances without the application of fire heat or flames, merely by the chemical action of the materials themselves.

Spontaneous combustion is generally due to the absorption of oxygen from the atmosphere by various substances which have an affinity for it.

The rapid drying of certain kinds of oils, especially vegetable oils like linseed, and the drying of moist charcoal, results in the rapid absorption of oxygen to the extent of ignition.

Only waste, which has been used to wipe off machinery, should never be thrown carelessly into a corner, but should be kept in a metal container and removed from the premises daily.

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as daily. Householders should exercise exact care in connection with cloths which have been used for polishing furniture and hardwood floors.

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Most vegetable substances as well as cotton or linen, when packed together in a confined place, without being sufficiently dry, undergo fermentation or heating, and are liable to take fire.

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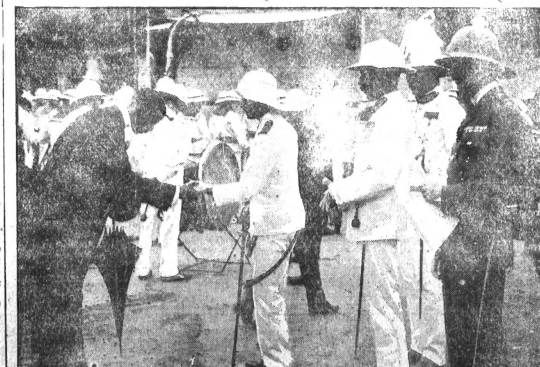
Latham

Mr. Bryson spent a few days in Latham this week visiting his sister Mrs. George Taitson.

Miss Violet Wurster spent a few days in Calgary this week visiting her sisters, Misses Byrill and Ida.

Scotty Brown dresses up now when he goes to Bassano, which is quite often. We wonder what the attraction is.

The Prince—Honoring the Unknown



PEOPLE, BOOKS AND THINGS

A WEEKLY CAUSERIE OF MATTERS—TREATED
IN LIGHTER VEIN

INSPECTED MILK—THE MENNONITE EXODUS—THE JOHN FRANKLIN—THE DAY OF THE WOMEN—A LADY SPEAKER OF THE B.C. LEGISLATURE.

A recent outbreak of typhoid at a Regina college, which is alleged to have been traced to an infected milk supply, has given rise to a good deal of discussion in health circles as to the best way in which to protect the milk supply of the larger cities and towns of the west. It is asserted that in this instance the milk had been handled by a person who had suffered from typhoid, and was still giving off the infection.

It is obvious that a means has to be devised to prevent an occurrence of this nature in the future. The menace is a deadly one. If the medical authorities are correct in their conclusions as to the origin of this outbreak, it means that at least eight young lives were lost owing to the unhygienic handling of this particular milk supply, and every precaution must be taken at once.

Most of the medical men appear to be of the opinion that milk coming into a city should be pasteurized before being purchased by the public. In the case of Regina, the time has now arrived when the city council is being urged by a large dairy concern to pass a resolution which would mean throwing all business into their hands and the absolute destruction of the business of the smaller dairymen of the city.

Nevertheless it is essential that human life should be protected even at private interests. At the same time it is quite undesirable that a monopoly of the milk business should be created. If the city fathers of Regina or any other western city are to be protecting the interests of the smaller dairymen, and are at the same time anxious to prevent the spread of typhoid infection, it would appear that the establishment of a municipal pasteurizing plant for the treatment of all milk coming into the city would solve the problem. The scheme is well worthy of consideration.

A statement was recently made in the daily papers that many of the Mennonites in western Canada were contemplating an exodus to the state of Mississippi, where they will be allowed to practice their peculiar religious content. It seems that Mississippi is a peculiarly tolerant state, and the authorities do not seem to care much whether one keeps or not. The children may go to school or stay away just as they please, and there is no reason for officers to put a wholesome fear into parents or children.

In Canada we don't want people who will not assimilate with us and bear the burdens of a common citizenship. The rigid of the Mennonites will not send their children to public schools, nor will they teach them in any language except German. Neither will they agree to take part in anything that savours of war. In fact, although many of them have lived in Canada for a good many years, they do not wish to become Canadians. They keep their communities, or Little Holland, as the case may be.

As far as we are concerned, we are quite ready to let them go. Their land and their room is preferable to their company. However, certain members of the American Legion are protesting against their entrance into the United States, and they seem to be between the devil and the deep blue sea. People who either through bigotry or intolerance refuse to identify themselves with the national life of the country in which they are domiciled are not desirable citizens. They are people without a country, and if the Mennonites do not wish to pass the generations down on the face of the earth, they had better alter some of their iron fanaticism. They are a good, thrifty, industrious people and we will be glad enough to

keep them in Canada, if they will submit to our ideal, and become amenable to our laws.

It seems to me that the school children of this western country of ours are not getting such instruction in the early history of their own country. They are given a rude epitome of the doing of such early explorers as Cabot, Champlain, and LaSalle, but it is served up to them in such bald form that it is unsatisfactory mental food and apparently makes little impression either upon their imagination or their memory. How many of them know for example, the stirring story of Venesky, the first of the great fur traders to adventure the cattle on the grassy sea of the prairies; or how Sir John Franklin, with his companions, in the early days of the nineteenth century landed in Hudson's Bay, wintered in the Saskatchewan country, and then set out to find the Arctic coast by way of the Coppermine River?

I have already tried to tell the story of Franklin's search for the Polar Sea, in these columns, and it is indeed a stirring tale of adventure and heroism. After enduring dreadful hardships these brave men succeeded in winning their way back to the saving shelter of Hudson's Bay post, and eventually reached England. In 1827 Franklin again sought the Arctic coast, this time by way of Mackenzie River, and in 1845—with two ships of the British—he took the ocean road to the polar region, but he never saw his companions ever returned from that disastrous voyage and for a long time his fate was shrouded in the impenetrable heart of the Arctic.

The British Government sent out search expeditions but they returned without bringing word of the missing ships. They used all the resources at her command in fitting out relief expeditions, but without result.

I have often heard my father tell me when he was a child that Franklin stayed in the home of his parents in the Shetlands, where he was a good boy, and a source of relief vessels. This brave and devoted lady, who, as the years went on, became a tragic figure of sorrow with her anxious eyes and sombre raiment, used to spend her time in a high room in one of the Shetland houses overlooking the sea. She was constantly watching the ocean through a strong telescope, and when she would see the square topsails of a Greenland whaler lifting from the horizon, she would hurry to the window and watched it enter the sound in the hopes that it might bring some news of her husband.

It was Dr. Rae, a commissioned officer of the Hudson's Bay Company, who eventually located the fate of Sir John Franklin and the members of his company. With a widow and a party of winter travellers he set out from Fort Garry and travelled clear to the Arctic where he discovered the relics of Franklin's expedition and learned from the Esquimaux how they had met their death.

For the first time in Canadian history a woman is to occupy the speaker's chair in a provincial legislature. Mrs. Ralph Smith, who proved her popularity by polling an enormous vote in a Vancouver constituency during the recent general election in British Columbia, is to have that honour. She is the widow of a well-known politician, who for a number of years was a member of the Federal Parliament for the Nanaimo constituency. On her husband's death she entered the political arena herself and her abilities and personality won her success and popularity. She is an able and convincing speaker, has plenty of decision, and is unusually well informed on public affairs.

Truly women are coming on. It is only a few years ago that the suffragettes were agitating for votes, and already we see members of the female sex attaining to high office. Mrs. Smith is to be congratulated on being the first woman to attain such a high position in the legislative machinery of the country.

From Calgary comes the news of the death of an important personage, a lady, Mrs. Fred Langford, who for four years has been

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Gentlemen:

We feel that we owe you a word of appreciation for the very efficient and popular ready print service you have been giving "The Melville Progress" for the last half year. During that period this journal has made tremendous strides, having moved into the new volume class on American Day, 1920. Since May last we have been the recipients of many pretty compliments from this section of Saskatchewan, and we feel that a good deal of our growth has to be credited to the fine service which has been supporting us in the form of the Western ready print. So, Gentlemen, knowing that as we do, it is a very great pleasure to be able to send you the foregoing little message of thanks and appreciation.

Within a comparatively short period we look for your Western Ready-Print to have made a complete conquest of the weekly newspaper field in prairie Canada. We hope so, for we are western men, and have long felt that an effort should be made to balance our country somewhat better—in population, finance, industry and the power that is "The Press."

With every good wish, we remain,

Faithfully yours,

"THE MELVILLE PROGRESS"

Per D.

Tales of Our Own Country

SOME CHRONICLES OF THE DAYS OF THE WAR
PARTY AND THE BUFFALO
STORIES TOLD AROUND THE FIRES OF THE HUNTING
CAMPS OF BYGONE DAYS

Chronicles of The Royal North
West Mounted Police

"RUSTLING" — "UNLAWFUL
"MAKING OF THE MAVERICKS"
AT ROUND-UPS — A
RANCHER WHO PREYED
UPON HIS NEIGHBORS—
CATTLE THIEVES DESPER-
ATE CHARACTERS

Continuing our story of last week regarding the operations of the North West Mounted Police in connection with cattle rustling, cattle "rustling" which is the seizure of young unbranded steers and calves, and the capture of the rustlers to the unscrupulous. As in the case of the rancher who was brought to justice by a Mounted Policeman, the "rustler" takes fewer chances than the common thief who relies on getting away with his booty. In company with others he rides the ranges with a running iron strapped to his saddle and picks up calves which have arrived at the age when they can be easily weaned from their mothers. To rope a calf and take it to some place where it may be held till it cannot be claimed by its mother, or recognized by its owner is a comparatively simple matter. As a precaution against this practice it was recommended that a right of running iron should be prohibited, but such a restriction would be unjust to others by whom a legitimate use of the iron would be made. In a round-up of a rancher's cattle some distance from their range, the new calves are branded by his own men who carry the straight iron or running brand for the purpose.

The unlawful making of "mavericks" at a round-up is a question that has come before the courts more than once. Some stock associations hold that an unbranded animal on the range is an incentive to theft, and consider it their duty to brand and sell the same for their own benefit and without infringing any law. This is a point that might be conceded, but it is not for the ease with which

a member of the school board of that city, has been appointed as the chairman of the board of education. She is the widow of a Methodist clergyman, and has been in Alberta for some twenty years. In addition to being a person of brains and intelligence, Mrs. Langford is one of the handsomest women in Canadian public life. She is not by any means young but that does not detract from her attractiveness.

From Calgary comes the news of the death of an important personage, a lady, Mrs. Fred Langford, who for four years has been

Thanks to the persistence of the Mounted Police a legal decision was obtained on this point. It was ruled that people have a right to allow their cattle to range on the prairie unbranded if they please to do so, and that a round-up has no right to gather cattle that are not the property of members of the association, without the consent of the owners.

A part of the duty that falls to a Mounted Police patrol was a house to house visitation among all the farmers and settlers. If a carcass was found without a hide exposed on the fence or a satisfactory explanation being offered, a prosecution might follow. Every man who killed an ox, cow or calf is required by law to have the hide punched by an official inspector and to expose it in some conspicuous place for a specified time. The police are, of course, familiar with all the brands in their own districts and can tell at once whether things are in order or not.

One difficulty with which the police have had to cope is the reluctance on the part of some of them to give evidence. Many of them who suffered loss and were certain that their stock had been stolen, were fearful of laying information, lest some consequences should befall them.

An example of the prairie type that preys upon his neighbors, taking a calf here, a calf there, and so on, was exposed in the Maple Creek district a few years ago. A rancher near Medicine Lodge had a foal born to a mare of his and kept the pair on view for over a week, and then found that the bunch of horses to which the mare belonged had disappeared. When they were discovered the foal was missing. A corporal of the Medicine Lodge police detachment had in the meantime been sent around the post on a tour of inspection. He visited a ranch whose owner did not bear a good reputation, and he wanted to see the mare and foal. He was given a night's lodging and a permit to stop. While waiting for the owner to return he took the opportunity to look round the premises, paying special attention to the corral. In the latter part of the night he saw a mare and a foal, and also that although the youngster was only some days old the mare would not allow it to suck. When the rancher came in shortly after with a load of hay the corporal was driven into the corral and was informed that a "maverick" whose owner was unknown. The corporal then "collected" the mare and foal, and helped in the unloading of the hay and made another discovery. In the hay rack was a newly slaughtered sheep.

"Bought it from a herder," said the rancher, on being questioned about the matter. The next day the corporal having doubts in his mind as to the veracity of his host, rode to the nearest neighbors and could find no one who had said or given a sheep to the rancher. Nor did anyone admit having lost a calf until a day later, the owner of the mare referred to, reported that the foal was missing.

"Come to S-and-S's ranch," said the corporal, and Rancher No. 1, with several witnesses who could identify the "maverick," accepted the invitation. A number of horses, including the mare, were driven into the corral and the mare and foal claimed one another at once. Rancher No. 2 was able to boast that he had the rarest thing in his district, and that he had captured it on different occasions and had escaped scot-free. This time, however, he was not so lucky, for his penitentiary was netted out to him.

Another method of robbery is for the thief to obliterate the brand on the calf and claim the animal as his own. In one case the accused was proved to have heated a wagon road with it almost entirely to have burnt out the old mark. By having and photographing the brand of the skin thus treated the first brand was faintly revealed. The police adopted an even surer way of showing up brands that have been removed. They kill the animal, skin the part and soak the skin when the brands are seen to show clearly on the underside.

That these cattle thieves are very desperate is shown by a case which came under the notice of the American authorities some time ago. Three Montana "rustlers" visited the house of a settler and carried him off into the prairie. They knew as the "bad land" where he was kept prisoner for twelve days. After having taken from him his horses, arms, money and subjected him to cruelty, they blindfolded him and turned him loose. The reason for this was that they were to prevent the settler appearing as a witness against another of their party who was tried on a criminal charge.

In their supervision of the 700 miles of frontier the Mounted Police are doing a good deal of day for these individuals. The patrol was purposely made irregular, so that no "rustler" could be sure where at any time a Red Rider might be expected. By this means some check was obtained on their movements.

CURRENT COMMENT

ON MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST TO DWELLERS
IN THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES OF CANADAA SERIES OF ARTICLES DEALING WITH VARIOUS
WESTERN QUESTIONS

A WESTERN NATURAL PRODUCT

A few days ago we read in the daily press that the company engaged in the development of the Glauber salts in the vicinity of Ceylon, in the southern portion of Saskatchewan, had made its initial shipment to Mr. Wilson at Indian Head, who intends to use this western natural product as a component part of a stock food in the manufacture of which he is at present engaged.

Western Canada has many other possibilities besides agriculture and it is encouraging to note that at last some steps are being taken to develop them. Our wheat plains have in the past proved so prolific that our people have rather overlooked other possibilities of potential wealth. For instance there is no region more suited to the manufacture of cereal products, and yet we are content to see Battle Creek, Michigan, and other places, build up flourishing cities on industries that should belong to our own country and to our own people.

Agriculture is one of the greatest basic industries in the world—perhaps the very greatest—but as we have stated elsewhere, a great country cannot live by bread alone, and we may only come to our full development by the utilization of the resources which Providence has placed ready to our hand.

INVESTIGATING WESTERN RESOURCES

In a very quiet way the government of the province of Saskatchewan has been making a serious attempt to encourage the establishment of new industries in the province, particularly along the line of natural resources.

Mr. T. M. Molloy who, for some time, has had charge of the Labor Bureau of the government, is now Industrial Commissioner as well, and he has done and is doing some good work along industrial lines. The province has many natural resources which have lain dormant, either through ignorance of their value or lack of capital for development purposes. It is, of course, not the function of the government to provide capital for private undertakings, but when investigation is needed Mr. Molloy is seeing that expert help is provided and is also investigating the commercial possibilities of natural products.

If a private individual or company believes that they have, say, a valuable coal deposit and boring operations are being conducted to test the seam, an expert from the department may be sent out who will superintend the operations and set the seal of the government upon the report. They should always be good work in this direction, in establishing the value of coal deposits, clay deposits and various chemicals. The department is still in its infancy, but has a wonderful field ahead of it. Its benefits are obvious and the government is to be congratulated on taking a step in the right direction.

PACIFIC FISHERIES

It really is a wonder that more serious efforts are not made to develop the Pacific coast fisheries of Canada. The canning of salmon, of course, has been carried on for some time, but it has been done in such a wasteful manner that the more accessible streams like the Fraser, are in serious danger of depletion. Some time ago has been done in the halibut industry but apart from these two branches of piscatorial activity the wealth of our Pacific seas have been practically untouched. One of the finest edible fishes in the world is what is known as the black Alaska cod, and it readily lends itself to treatment. The banks west of the Queen Charlotte Islands and on the north kippoon herring cover Island, provide these fish in abundance, yet it is the rarest thing in the world to find any black cod on the markets of inland Canadian ports.

In European sea-board countries the herring fishery is a very important industry and yet we find that although our Pacific waters everywhere swarm with these useful little fish, it is the rarest thing to find them on the market. Herring from British Columbia. Dealers tell you that there are kippers put up at the Pacific coast but they are of a small size and poorly cured. If we do run across a decent kipper once in a while it invariably comes from the east. The reason for this is not far to seek. The bays and inlets of British Columbia are literally alive with herring at certain seasons of the year and the only fishing of them is done there to get a good kipper for herring only come in shore at spawning time when they are unfit for food. In the European countries, where the herring industry is carried on successfully, the habits of the fish are studied and they are always taken in the deep sea. It seems to us that a tremendous source of wealth is being neglected in this respect.

FINANCIAL PROSPECTS

Canada at present is going through an inevitable period of readjustment, and as a result there has been a good deal of disorganization of business, and in some cases real hardship.

Prices that reached artificial heights during the stress of war conditions had to come down to normal levels; commodities in daily use had to be valued at prices that placed them within the reach of the ordinary household, and there was a good deal of apprehension amongst those versed in economics that during the readjustment period there would be a considerable dislocation of business.

It is true that there is and has been some hardship. The banks have tightened their purse strings; there has been more unemployment than for years; and the reduction in the wholesale price of many commodities has imposed considerable hardship on many retailers who were stocked up with goods for which they had paid the old prices.

Nevertheless we are weathering these conditions well. There have been few failures and business is slowly but surely adjusting itself upon a sounder basis than has obtained for the last few years.

The bond market is usually a good indication of general financial conditions and it appears to be in a fairly healthy state. A few days ago a two million bond issue of the province of Manitoba was placed on the market and it was at once absorbed at a premium. This does not look as if there was anything seriously wrong with the money market, and should serve to reassure those who are inclined to be pessimistic. The commercial and financial life of Canada is suffering some inconvenience but nothing more serious.

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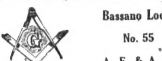
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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BULYEA

Minutes of Meeting Dec. 28th, 1921

Present: Reeves, Stewart, Chis, McCoy, Brandner, Olson, Cameron and Coulter.

Moved by Reeves that we accept the offer of G. W. Ingham of 50 per cent of salary to be applied on seed grain mail paid; carried.

Moved by Reeves that we instruct the sec. to reply to G. P. Galbreath, that we cannot make any refund for penalties or protest fees; carried.

Moved by Chis. McCoy that Short, Ross & Co. be notified that their request for heating three acres of R.F. 17-24-14 for school site be granted; carried.

Moved by Chis. McCoy that the secretary write the department confirming the letter of the Reeves re increase of treasurer's bond from \$2000 to \$5000; carried.

Moved by Chis. McCoy that sec. 74 of Municipal Act be adopted, re councillors' fees and mileage; carried.

Moved by Reeves that the following taxes be cancelled:

N.E. 34-25-13-4, R. W. Phalen, \$13.85, \$14.35 credit to future tax; W. 15-20-25-13-4, A. Caruthers, \$106.53, \$3.50 credit to future tax; N.E. 5-23-14-4, John Krower, \$12.24, 14.68 credit to future tax; carried.

Moved by Chis. Brandner that the request of the ratepayers that the minutes of 1919-1920 be published in pamphlet form be rejected; carried.

Voting for: Brandner, Olson, McCoy and Coulter. Against: Stewart, and Cameron.

Moved by Chis. McCoy that the following accounts be passed for payment:

Oscar Olson \$92, C. J. Gibson \$2.30, R. H. Hogg \$3.40, N. L. Stewart \$70.40, T. J. McCoy \$32.80, H. W. Brandner \$103.00, D. R. Cameron \$41.20, Robt. Coulter \$46.00, Robt. Coulter \$12.60, T. G. McCoy \$12.00, Oscar Olson \$34, Robt. Coulter \$29, H. M. Braghton \$34.00, R. H. Hogg \$13.30, C. J. Gibson \$29.50, N. L. Stewart \$8.00; N. L. Stewart \$9.50; carried.

Moved by Chis. Cameron that the following accounts be passed for payment:

Labor sheet No. 12, Div. 4 \$19.00, Labor sheet No. 13, Div. 1, \$14.00, Labor sheet No. 14, Div. 4 \$29.22, Labor sheet No. 6, Div. 2, \$19.90, Labor sheet No. 15, Div. 2, \$16.30; carried.

Moved by Chis. McCoy that E. Klatt be allowed thirty cents per hour to correct error in labor sheet No. 6; carried.

Moved by Reeves that the following accounts be passed for payment:

Mrs. Hanson \$3.00, L. Sheet No. 16 \$4.00, Prairie Lumber Co. \$3.30, John Turner \$40.00, Crown Lumber Co. \$5.15, Prairie Lumber \$20.00; carried.

Moved by Reeves that we purchase the Burroughs adding machine from the secretary at the purchase price of \$200; carried.

Moved by Chis. Cameron that Geo. Loveland be appointed returning officer for 1922 elections at salary of \$40; carried.

Moved by Chis. Brandner that the following deputy returning officers be appointed for the elections to be held February 28th, 1922: Div. No. 1, J. E. Kinyon; Div. No. 2, Wm. Segmund; Div. No. 3, F. F. Doblyn; Div. No. 4, D. Ackerman; Div. No. 5, C. H. Billows; carried.

Moved by Chis. Olson that the following be polling booths for elections: Div. No. 1, Geo. Zimmermann's; Div. No. 2, Lavistonia School; Div. No. 3, Hutton Hall; Div. No. 4, Hogan Hall; Div. No. 5, Galbreath School; carried.

Moved by Chis. Olson that our next regular meeting be held on Saturday Feb. 5th, 1922, at 11 o'clock a.m.; carried.

Moved by Chis. Coulter that the meeting adjourn; carried.

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ESTRAY—On the premises of the undersigned, one red heifer, branded on left sh. M. H. Gamble, W. 1-2-27, 31, 17, Bassano P.O. 20-22.

The first real cold snap of the year arrived on Saturday evening last following the snow storm. Several inches of snow fell.

Jas. Nesbitt spent a few days in town visiting his son, L. D. Nesbitt. H. W. Wood was re-elected president of the C. F. A.

The weather moderated after the storm and the extreme cold vanished. The snow permits sleighing, something unusual for this province.

WANTED—Tenders for contract for double ditching 500 acres new breaking, Majorsville district, at commencement of spring. Applicants state price per acre and apply in box 198, Bassano. 1921P

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THE WEEK'S NEWS IN TERSE TERMS

\$100,000 on Smuggling Charges

Mrs. Blanche Bonaparte, wife of Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte, King of Westphalia, who was the Empress's brother, has taken steps to stop what she declared had gone against her in the columns of Town Topics, which began after her marriage to Mr. Bonaparte, who was the daughter of Ed. Brodwin, and Emily Hill Pierce, who had directed Harold Street in Brooklyn, a few days before her marriage, said Town Topics in the Supreme Court for \$100,000 damages. She charges the paper with accusations of adultery.

Prostitute Liquor Smugglers

W. P. Aubin was charged in the provincial police court recently on fifteen different counts with keeping liquor for sale. Shipment records of the express company showed that between October 4 and November 10, more than 500 cases of liquor had been received, consigned to Aubin. A driver said in the book on the outskirts of Winnipeg and the individual had told him that arrangements had been made for suppressing information. Altogether he had received about \$100 in addition to the express charges for delivering the goods. Aubin was charged that the scheme was a conspiracy among bootleggers to get liquor in under the very noses of the provincial authorities. The case will be tried.

Woolworth Donks Don't Yield Millions

The state of New York will get a transfer of \$1,084,761 from the \$27,285,285 estate left by widow of F. W. Woolworth, the millionaire who sold ten-cent store merchandise, who died in April, 1919.

Palace Cases Investigated

Officials of the Federal Health Department in Ottawa were led to discover the cause of death in the case of the two Toronto women who were reported to have succumbed to a blood serum treatment, the serum is stated, containing too much acid. The heads of the department are at present waiting for the official report from the chief coroner on the case.

Harding to Foreign Post and Extraordinary

In the interest of national tranquility President-elect Harding requested officials arranging for his inauguration, to forego the usual ceremony of pomp and extravagance, stating that he wished to simply take the oath of office, deliver a brief address and take up the duties of the office.

R.C. Gets Gold Medal

A British Columbia forest products exhibit has been awarded the gold medal and diploma for the second successive year by the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, according to information received by the Hon. T. J. Pattullo, minister of lands.

An Inducement

At a meeting of Birmingham manufacturers in London recently, it was stated that the Wallcut firm had had an offer from the Canadian government of land, tax free for ten years as an inducement to transfer their factory to the Dominion.

Must Swear Allegiance

A Melbourne, Australia, dispatch to the London Times says that a regulation has been gazetted which will enable the authorities to require any person landing in Australia from Great Britain to take the oath of allegiance. This regulation was formulated owing to a report that a Sinn Féin emissary was bound for Australia.

Mysterious Death Explained

Miss Louise Meier, aged eighteen, a typist, arrested recently in Dallas, Texas, admitted that she had been lured to a suburban park by William J. Coleman, sex proprietor, and to protect herself, shot and killed him on New Year's Eve, since which time she has been missing and dead a mystery.

Robbers in Quebec

A bold and sensational robbery was carried out in Magog, Quebec, recently, when two men broke into the jewelry store of E. D. D. Smith and took away articles valued at \$2,000. The burglars also broke into the clothing store of E. E. Barthelemy and stole \$1,000 worth of goods, and fitted themselves out in new coats.

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Children Suffering in Hospitals

The Quebec Society, which, it was announced last evening, Jan. 6, it will feed 2,000 mothers and children who are in need of nourishment, Holstein, their position of Neumünster children only 25,000.

Sad Ending to Pleasure Excursion

A motor launch with eighty excursionists aboard sank recently in Hopkins river at Warramouth, Victoria. Twelve persons were drowned.

Crushed to Death

The body of a Finlander at present unidentified is lying in the Oil Company's morgue. The body was found in the Kaminitiquia, Port Arthur, with a tree across it. Authorities have been unable to get to the body to bring it out on account of the heavy snow. The Finn was killed while falling trees.

Threatens Arson and Murder

An anonymous letter directed by the president of the General Motors Company in Ottawa was to the effect that if the plant is not reopened for the benefit of the unemployed, it would be blown up and his life would be forfeit. The letter also threatened that the lives of two other members of Mr. McLaughlin's family would be taken. Mayor John Stacey also received a letter threatening violence if work is not forthcoming and the chief of police received a similar document telling him to take no action to discover the source of the letters. All the communications were written on ordinary newspaper, apparently by the same person. The authorities of Toronto are determined to have the letter traced.

Planning Escape

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Nutshell Fatal

Helen May Williamson, Sarina, Ont., five years of age, has just died of lockjaw, after several days of intense suffering. A piece of nutshell lodged in the child's throat causing an abscess of the skin from which blood poisoning set in and finally tetanus.

Reward Paid Policeman

Constable Edward Fortune, who arrested John Doughty of Toronto, in the Oregon City on November 22, last, has received \$7,000, his share of the \$135,000 reward offered for the capture of Doughty on charges connected with the disappearance of Ambrose J. Small, Toronto millionaire. Special Agent Ed. Shaw of the Hawley Pulp and Paper Co., received \$1,000 for assisting Doughty while the latter was working there. Fortune stated that he had taken every precaution for improvement of railways under the control of the province.

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Madeleine Adams to Reappear

It was reported that Madeleine Adams, the actress, had retired permanently from the stage, but this has been proven incorrect by the announcement that she will make a reappearance next fall.

Revel of Business in Detroit

During the past week there has been a revival of business in Detroit. About 3,000 men have been put back to work and the indications are that a gradual, though slow improvement will continue until the automobile industry has reached its normal activity.

February 1st Official Dry Date

An order has been officially gazetted fixing February 1st as the date on and after which importation of alcoholic liquors into Nova Scotia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba will be illegal.

Proprietor Paralyzed

A quiet looking man recently entered the grocery store of Martin Hoffger, 36 Belleville Street, Montreal, and stole \$200. Business being rather slow at that time, the proprietor, Hoffger, was sitting behind the counter when a stranger entered and paying no attention to the proprietor, walked to the cash register and calmly helped himself to \$200. He then put the money in his pocket and went out leaving the astonished Hoffger wondering whether or not he had had a dream.

Chapman Paralyzed

The market for men's spring and summer clothing was opened in Chicago last week and the manufacturers offered suits much below that of the spring of 1920. One of the leading factories in the ready-made suit trade, the manufacturer's price of wool suits at \$25.00, compared to \$40 last fall and \$37 a year ago. Very fine worsted suits in America are now offered at \$35 as compared to \$40.

Mrs. Langford Made Calgary School

Mrs. Fred Langford, who has been for three years a school teacher in Calgary, has now been named chairman of the board for the coming year. She is the first woman to hold the position in that city. There are also two other women on the board. Civic employees will demand a ten per cent. increase in salaries and wages in Calgary for the year. Heads of departments have, however, refused to ask for an increase.

Shot \$200, Overlooked Bull

An unknown gunman held up Bert Moore, a truck driver for the Hudson's Bay Company some days ago and took \$3.40 from him. He overlooked \$200 which was in another pocket. The police have arrested Constable Haas, the man who held up Eric Peters and robbed him of \$74 recently. He was held a 15 cent water pistol to hold up Peters.

Shake Stone Burglar

Alone in her home at 35 Spence Avenue, Toronto, Camille Boland, twenty-one, discovered a burglar crawling up the front staircase. She caught a loose skate on the landing and hurled it with all her strength into the face of the burglar, cutting a deep gash in his forehead, just as he was about to spring at her.

McKEE'S STOCK ADJUSTING SALE

DOMINION SALES COMPANY PRICES

Are moving the stocks out rapidly in accordance with the wishes of Mr. McKee whose financial year ends on the 31st of January. He desires to have as little stock left as possible and we are following out his instructions in FORGETTING THE COST of goods and PRICING THEM SO AS TO INSURE THEIR REMOVAL.

W. K. HYSLOP, Sales Manager.

SALES EXTENDED UNTIL SATURDAY, JANUARY 29th,

In response to many requests from customers at a distance, who found it difficult on account of the condition of the roads to get in to our sale this week, we have decided to extend the closing date until SATURDAY, JANUARY 29th. This is at some inconvenience to our staff, inasmuch as our stock inventory must be taken at the end of this month, which terminates our financial year. In accordance with our store policies, however, we wish everybody to get an opportunity to get in on the many bargains we are now offering.

ANDREW McKEE

COME WITH THE CROWDS TO McKEE'S STORES

WHITE WOOL BLANKETS

Heavy Twill Blankets of good weight, size 60 x 80; regular price \$15.50. Sale price \$11.75

GREY TWILL BLANKETS

A nice soft Blanket weighing 6 lbs and measuring 60 x 80. Regular price, \$13.50; Sale Price \$9.95

OUR BEST WHITE BLANKET

A large soft Blanket of exceptional quality, with a blue border; weight 6 lbs. Regular price \$18.00; Sale Price .. \$13.75

Convincing Price Reductions

Make This the Greatest Sale Ever Held In This District

Those who came to town for our opening days were amply repaid for their hardship in braving the elements. They were convinced that OUR PRICE CUTS are extreme and that all merchandise offered is up to "McKEE STANDARD," consequently they were able to exercise TRUE ECONOMY in anticipating their wants months ahead and buying accordingly.

Now for the Whirlwind Finish!

In consideration of the inclement weather and consequent inconvenience to our customers in outlying districts, we have decided to extend our sale until *Saturday, January 29th*, so as to permit EVERYONE to participate in the

Great Money Saving Opportunities

Not One Bargain But a Thousand Await You

Get Your Share!

\$50 PARTY DRESS FOR \$38.75

A navy messaline dress on modish lines with basque blouse. Tunic and blouse effectively trimmed with gold embroidered black silk Brussels net. Regular price \$50. Sale price \$38.75

\$8.50 WADDLED COMFORTERS \$6.75

Exceptionally large Bed Comforters with covers of Turkey chintz, size 66 x 72. Regular price \$8.50. Sale price \$6.75

FINE TABLE LINENS

We have only two pieces of these left and if quality and price ever appeal to you, you'll want a length of each. These are 70 inches wide and our regular prices are away below today's wholesale cost.

Regular price \$3.75. Sale \$2.55
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LARGE FLANNELETTE BLANKET

These are in 12-4 sizes; first quality; with pink or blue border; Regular price \$5.50. Sale price pr. \$4.45

WOMEN'S COTTON HOSIERY SPECIAL

These are going fast and it is no wonder when you consider their value. This is our regular 50c line, in black or white. Sale price25c

\$38.50 SERGE DRESSES \$21.75

This is a smart Dress developed in fine indigo cotton serge with accordion pleated tunic and skirt trimmed with black silk military braid. Regular price \$38.50; Sale price \$21.75

\$2.75 WHITE FLANNELETTE NIGHTGOWNS \$1.75

Big roomy nighties of good quality at a price less than the material alone would cost you. Regular price \$2.75. Sale price \$1.95

\$5.00 GOSSARD CORSETS \$3.75

Two good numbers at this price, medium low bust models in pink or white coutil. All sizes in stock at time of going to press. Regular price, \$5.00. Sale price \$3.75

CLEAN-UP PRICES ON MEN'S WEAR

\$9.50 Cord Pants \$5.95

You can save big money in Working Pants by getting a pair of these heavy English velvet corduroy and cotton Bedford cords, everwear qualities with a guarantee, values \$7.75 to \$9.50. sale price \$5.95

\$7.50 Coat Sweaters \$4.95

Heavy pure wool sweaters in coat and pullover styles. Good assortment in greys, browns and navy blues, sizes 34 to 43. Regular values to \$7.50. Sale price \$4.95.

\$3.75 Silk Lined Gloves \$2.65

Our popular line of dress gloves in tan or grey moucha with silk lining, sizes 8 to 10. regular price \$3.75, sale price \$2.65

50c Heavy Grey Work Socks
3 pairs for \$1.00

A grey worsted sock of good weight and quality. regular price 50c, sale price 3 pairs \$1.00

Broken Lines Men' Underwear, 95c

Oddments from our stock in fleece lined and wool garments, regular values as high as \$4.00, sale price 95c per garment.

\$7.50 Silk Mufflers \$3.95

We have a few better quality silk mufflers in neat stripe designs with fringed ends to dispose of quickly, regular values \$6.50 and \$7.50. sale price \$3.95

\$1.35 PRESIDENT SUSPENDERS, 95c

This popular suspender in light and heavy quality in good assortment embracing all lengths. Regular price \$1.35. Sale 95c

\$1.50 JAEGER WOOL SOCKS 95c PAIR

Medium weight 3-1 rib fingered socks, pure wool in assorted green and heather mixtures. Sizes 10 to 11, regular price \$1.50. Sale price pr. 95c

90c HEAVY POLICE SUSPENDER 45c

This is a grand value and you ought to stock up for a year at this price which you won't be able to equal for a long, long time. Reg. 90c. Sale price 45c

\$10.50 WORKING SHOES \$5.95

Heavy grain calf in black or tan, solid leather throughout. An exceptionally strong shoe. Invest in a pair of these. Regular \$10.50. Sale price \$5.95

\$31.00 CORDUROY NORFOLK SUITS \$23.95

Heavy English Corduroy in yolk Norfolk styles, wears like leather and protects from the wind; the best suit obtainable for hard wear; sizes 39 to 44. Reg. \$31.00. Sale price \$23.75

PRICES THAT ARE MOVING OUR GROCERIES OUT

STRAWBERRY JAM

Hamsterley Farm brand
Sale price 4 lb pail \$1.15

SAUER KRAUT
Simcoe brand

Large tin, Sale Price 20c

BLUE RIBBON TEA

One pound packages
Sale Price 55c

PURE COCOA

Perfect seal jars qt. size
Sale Price 60c

QUAKER EGG NOODLES

Sale Price a package 15c

McKEE'S STORES

Bassano, Alberta

Truthful Mirrors SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS TOLD IN PICTURE FORM

"If ever I have a home of my own," laughed my sister, returning from upstairs whither I had sent her to adjust her veil, "I shall have a looking-glass in every room in the house."

"It wouldn't be such a bad idea I answered, and then, in a turn of conversation, forgot completely the remark."

Forgot, I should say, for the time being. Later—several years later—her words again flashed through my mind.

The same chiffoier mirror, to which I had sent my sister to tie on her veil happened to be tilted in such a way as to show my feet as I walked back and forth making up the bed. A glance revealed to me with a shock the untidy appearance of the comfortable old shoes I was wearing. Before returning to the kitchen I discarded those shoes for a much neater-looking pair. Had I realized before how they spoiled my appearance they never would have been worn at all.

After that I thought about mirrors in every room a good deal. What a boon they would be! No woman would long endure a face lined with wrinkles of discontent or temper if that face was to pop up before her no matter in which room she went. Neither would any woman like constantly to be meeting an untidy, careless person in her daily routine about the house.

I did wish I could afford a full-length mirror in each of our rooms. But ill-health, financial reverses and babies hadn't left pennies in our pocket-book for such luxuries in furniture, so I went on wishing the while I pinned back a refractory lock before the small oval glass in the kitchen and glimpsed myself a few minutes each afternoon when I changed my dress before the chiffoier.

Then, quick as the wind tossed aside a dead leaf revealing the hidden flower, my eyes were opened to the God-given mirrors I possessed. What cause had I to wish for bits of quick-silvered glass when upstairs, downstairs, indoors and out I had two of the most perfect reflectors a woman ever had? True, they did not reflect my personal appearance—to any extent—but, far better and more important, they mirrored my inner self, my daily nature, my disposition, my character. What more did I need than my two little baby boys?

The discovery was made on a day that was all sunshine and joy. I had laughed and had sung about my work, and had played with the little fellows, as if all my worries and cares had dropped from me like raindrops from the waxen petals of a blossom. The result was marvellous. The two little lads who the day previous had been so winy and cross and fussy, were transformed into veritable angels. They laughed and chattered merrily. They had forgotten how to quarrel and disagree.

The change was so marked I wondered about it. Why should they be so happy just because I was? I thought of the previous days. Why, then, were they so discontented and unhappy? The answer was not in the least distant. It could only have been because I, too, was cross and disagreeable. I felt ashamed. Were they mirroring me, these boys? I knew I was tired, and everything seemed to go wrong, but had I really been as bad as they pictured me? Yes, their naughtiness was simply a childish reflection of my ill-nature, and—it must stop! I used to have a pleasant disposition. Must I day after day see myself so ill-natured? Never! The sun must shine and the sunbeams be reflected in my little mirrors.

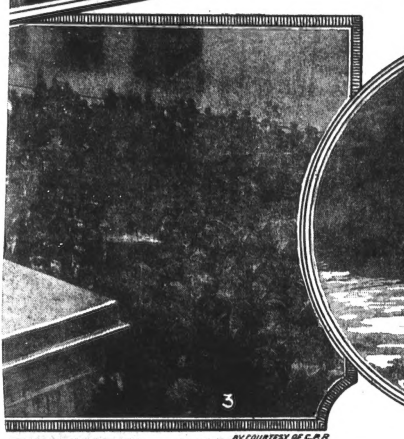
The next morning Little Boy Junior awoke early. I hadn't slept well. The day was one of the rare ones we have when the sun is hidden. The fire wouldn't draw—nothing would go right! I suppose I was cross, but I didn't realize it till a cry from Junior and a long drawn whine from Brother brought me up short. So that was my picture this stormy morning. On my lips had been a scolding reprimand, but just as it touched his forehead, I viewed a frown in the looking-glass, so now I laughed, suggested a change of play and began to whistle a lively tune. It was effective. My own spirits rose with my whistle, and the children's ill-nature vanished. Daddy coming in shortly for breakfast stepped into the midst of a happy morning group.

"Music hath charms," he began teasingly. "What's your new motto, Mom? Don't scold, whistle it?"

"Or sing it," I laughed. "But beware of your grouch, Dad, or the picture will change. The children were reflecting me when you arrived on the scene. Now they will reflect us both. If we don't want to see ourselves in the mirror, let's be better mirrors than the ones on the walls! I wonder if you can see in them the reason I urge you to give up that sewing and reading you have been doing nights recently. You won't admit that your eyes look strained and that you are getting unbecoming wrinkles in your face from lack of sleep. Perhaps that's



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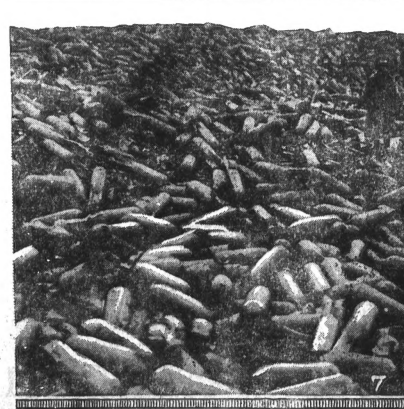
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- (1) The King and Queen Mary, Queen Alexandra and the King and Queen of Denmark visiting the Admiralty Building at the White City, London, Eng.
- (2) The Mayor of Longborough, England, reading an address of welcome and conferring the 'Freedom of the City' on Dr. Macnamara, who was visiting the college.
- (3) Raymond Hitchcock, the comedian, and his famous horse, 'Apple' help the Salvation Army Christmas Fund.
- (4) The opening meet of the 'Killing Kildares' at Johnstone, Co. Kildare, Ireland.
- (5) Military and police make wholesale round-ups in Dublin while the Labor Commission was sitting—searching the suspects.
- (6) The Labor Commission which arrived in Dublin to investigate Irish murders and reprisals.
- (7) Explosion of a Dump of Shells in a factory at Vergiate, Italy—16 were killed. The disaster is believed to be the work of 'Red' workmen.

The Side Lines of a Grain Growing Province



STUD HORSES AT NORTH BATTLEFORD, SASKATCHEWAN

The "Land of the Golden Grain" is a name well suited to the Province of Saskatchewan, the middle of the three prairie provinces of Canada, for grain growing has been the chief occupation of its inhabitants since the earliest days of its settlement. So good has been the quality and so heavy the yields of the wheat and other grains grown in Saskatchewan, that whenever the province was spoken about it was in association with grain, and many people thought, and a large proportion of them, no doubt, still think that grain growing was and is the only branch of raising carried on in this rich province. Probably, a large number of people who now know something about Saskatchewan would never have heard of this province but for the success of Sager Wheeler, the "Wheat Wizard," first in winning, at the Madison Square Gardens, New York, in 1911, the thousand dollars in gold for the best hundred pounds of wheat grown on the American continent, and subsequent winnings of Mr. Wheeler and other Saskatchewan farmers at Tulsa, Oklahoma, Wichita, Kansas, El Paso, Texas, Peoria, Illinois, Chicago, City, Mo., Chicago, and other places.

But experience of the last few years has shown that Saskatchewan farmers can and do raise other things than grain. Sheep, horses and cattle are all steadily increasing in numbers on the Saskatchewan farms, and evidence that these, too, are of a superior quality is forthcoming in the success of the animals from this province exhibited at the International Stock Show at Chicago this year.

A few years ago they were scarcely any sheep in Saskatchewan, but many of the early settlers soon recognized that the province as regards climate, feed and water was well suited to sheep, and they began to keep a few on their farms. The numbers have steadily increased year by year until now between 150,000 and 200,000 sheep are owned by farmers in Saskatchewan, and this year approximately 750,000 pounds of wool were produced.

But the raising of sheep has not advanced so much as the raising of horses. The provincial livestock commissioner claims that Saskatchewan is now the leading horse breeding province in the Dominion of Canada. The heavy draft horse with blood in him, is the kind of animal to which breeders here are devoting their attention, and farmers need not go out of the province to sell at satisfactory prices all such horses they can raise. The tractor has not displaced horses on the Saskatchewan farms nor is it likely to do so now. Most farmers have tried both, or have seen both tried, and have decided in favor of the horse. In 1919 there were more than a million horses in Saskatchewan, and the number has steadily increased since. Many of these horses are, perhaps, on the light side, but the light horses are being rapidly displaced by the heavier animals. The young draft horse weighing about 1,500 pounds or more is what most of the farmers in Saskatchewan are raising, and the demand for horses of this type is far ahead of the supply.

The champion Clydesdale was a Saskatchewan horse, "Wasieleski," bred on the farm of L. Weaver, near the city of Regina, and the first prize stallion Belvoir-foal "Charles Beresford" is owned by Coe Brothers and was bred on their farm near Wasieleski. Last year the champion Belgian was a horse owned by Paul Rupp, who on his farm at Lampman, in the south of the province, has probably the finest herd of Belgian horses on the continent.

Like the horse and sheep industries the cattle industry of Saskatchewan has made substantial progress during the last few years. This marks the ratio of increase that has been going on from year to year, and the end is not yet, for there is still room for more cattle in the province than there are at present. In 1919 the total was 1,970,131 head, of which 374,000 were milk cows. The provincial government is devoting much attention to the livestock industry, and buys cattle at the leading markets selling them at cost to farmers on easy payments. The time is within the memory of many of the residents of the province when the only milk they ever got was the condensed variety, and when their butter had also to be imported. Not many years ago a beginning was made with dairying. The province soon produced more butter than was required to supply its own needs and had some to spare. During the last few years there has been a surplus for export to Great Britain, the United States, and Pacific Coast points of Canada, and cities in Eastern Canada. Last year one hundred and four carloads, or 6,623,000 pounds of the highest quality of creamery butter left the province, while this year the total export bids fair to exceed 7,000,000 pounds.

The side lines of this grain growing province have, therefore, already assumed a position of considerable importance, and are becoming increasingly important every year.

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"Have you a ship called the Neurotic sailing to America?" "No, sir," came the reply, "we have not."

Cobb had another go. "Then, perhaps it is the Rheumatic—can you hook me a first class passage on that for New York?"

"No, sir, I cannot," replied the official, and then falling in with the joke, continued: "But I think I can fix you up all right on the Lu-natic or the Idiot!"

That long engagements are less necessary now than they used to be, because young people have much more opportunity for meeting on an intimate footing before becoming engaged than they used to have.

One may feel more important than he is, but few are more important than they feel.

"So you think," he said as I ended, "that these rascals here" (tossing Brother's brown hair and Junior's towhead), "are better mirrors than the ones on the walls?" I wonder if you can see in them the reason I urge you to give up that sewing and reading you have been doing nights recently. You won't admit that your eyes look strained and that you are getting unbecoming wrinkles in your face from lack of sleep. Perhaps that's

because you don't study your face carefully enough in the glass. Are these mirrors better reflectors?"

"They certainly are, bless 'em!" I replied. "You'll never have to speak to me about that again, or about a good many other things. It is such a pleasure to see the children happy and to know they are reflecting me that I'll be willing to do anything to keep myself and my good-natured. Mirrors on walls have their place and their use, of course, but you are sometimes not your true 'common ordinary self' when you look in them. Besides, a small mirror never reveals but a small part of the face. 'Yes, Dad,' as he helped the small boys into their chairs at the table, 'I'm fully convinced—that for a correct, just you-are-every-day view of yourself, nothing can equal these babies. They are the most satisfactory 'little mirrors'."

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For this special we have chosen the two best suit lines in the store and these are bound to appeal to the man who discriminates. The lot is comprised of a fine Indigo blue serge and Oxford grey twill worsted. The cloths used are of English manufacture from the finest long worsted yarns and are made for service. Styles are up to the minute and these suits provide the best investment we know of for any man's money, reg. \$65.00, sale price **\$44.75**

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Regular \$ 6.75 Black Bear Cap for	- \$4.75
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Heavy Flannelette Pyjamas, tunic style, in nice assortment of light stripes, all sizes, regular price \$4.75, sale price - **\$3.25**

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\$5.25 Ladies' Cream Combination Underwear \$3.95

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**Sale Closes Saturday,
January 29th**

McKee's Stores

Local and Personal

Mr. Winter is spending the week in Calgary.

M. Haynes was in Calgary for a few days.

Strathmore hockey team will play here on Wed. Jan. 28th.

A. S. Roop, returned from a vacation spent in his old home province, Nova Scotia.

Mrs. Edwards of Indian Head, Sask., is visiting her sister, Mrs. McChesney.

Miss Mary Murphy, of the Bank of Commerce staff, spent the week end in Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Williamson of Glen, left for New York this week.

Ernestine is better than talk. Compare prices. McKee's Stock Adjusting Sale closes Saturday January 29th.

Walter Bradshaw of Pandora was shown on his way to the U.P.A. convention at Edmonton.

Work has been in progress changing the phone wires, system to connect up with the new telephone building.

Deputy sheriff, Macgregor is in charge of the work of the clerk of the district court in the absence of A. G. Bond.

Children's heavy fleeced lined sleeping suits in white and navy. All sizes, selling regularly up to \$2.25, now \$1.25 at McKee's.

The local team play in Glendon Friday night next.

Miss Murphy of the Bank of Commerce staff, was in Calgary for a few days.

Constable Purdy, of Junior, brought an inmate woman in on the Express train, on the way to Ponoka.

The Brooks' Women's Institute are holding a dance in that town on Jan. 28th. Mrs. Trainor's orchestra will play.

The town council decided to advertise for a chartered accountant to audit the books for 1921, applicants to state charges.

Bill Fortin was in Calgary this week.

The girls institute held a successful sale of cooking in the program block last Saturday afternoon.

Harry Ford is in the north country auditing the books of Bayles and Berry Creek municipalities.

McKee says clean up these line wickets. Only 30 in the lot, all new and up to the minute in style. Georgetown, Crepe de Chine, Sun Silks, etc. to go at HALF PRICE.

E. H. McCaughey was in Strathmore on Tuesday visiting Strathmore Masonic Lodge in his official capacity as district deputy grand master.

In reducing the prices at McKee's Stock Adjusting Sale the cost price has not even been considered.

The Ladies Aid will hold a sale of home cooking, also serve afternoon tea in the Presbyterian Church on Saturday, January 28th from 3 to 6 o'clock.

Stanfield's Red Label Underwear. That describes it. Combinations list price \$7.50, McKee's price \$5.65. Separate Garments list price \$3.50, McKee's Sale Price \$2.75.

Gordon Foster and Mrs. Lawrence Belmer, delegates from the Ponoka local of the U.P.A., went through to attend the convention at Edmonton this week.

Men's Clothing at Prices that cannot be duplicated. McKee can fit you and the price is right. Investigate. Our regular lines up to \$30.00, now on sale at \$17.50.

J. L. Torgan returned from a two weeks trip to Winnipeg this week. While there he purchased a considerable amount of merchandise for his store. He also arranged for some splendid pictures for the Gem Theatre, including the Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbank productions, also the Wilde-Wallace 10 round fight.

An attractive shoe value for men. Heavy grain calf blubber, built for service in Black Tan and Brown. Regular to \$10.50, now \$5.95 at McKee's Stock Adjusting Sale.

Corporal Wright requests The Mail to call the attention of the public to the new legislation which prohibits anyone carrying a rifle without permit.

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